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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE
LICENSE OF

JASON M. RONCHI
t/a JASON ELECTRIC, INC.
License and Business Permit
#12230

TO PRACTICE ELECTRICAL
CONTRACTING IN THE STATE
OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jason M. Ronchi ("respondent") is a licensed electrical contractor in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee and a business permit holder under the name of "Jason Electric, Inc." at all times relevant hereto.

2. The Board received a complaint from consumer M.S., alleging that respondent failed to request an inspection of the work performed at her home, and that respondent did not supervise and/or inspect the work performed.

3. As a result, the Board sent a letter dated May 20, 2008, to respondent's address of record, by regular mail, requesting an explanation. The regular mail was not returned. No response was received from respondent.

4. The Board sent a second letter, dated October 3, 2008, to respondent's address of record. The letter cited respondent's duty to cooperate with the Board, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2. The letter was sent to respondent's address of record, via certified and regular mail, requesting an explanation concerning the complaint from M.S. The certified mail was returned to the Board indicating "Unclaimed". The regular mail was not returned. No response was received.

5. On October 17, 2008, respondent contacted the Board by phone and advised that he received a passing rough inspection and will reply to the Board in writing. However, to date, respondent has not responded to the Board's letters.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The above preliminary findings of fact provisionally provide grounds for disciplinary action against respondent's license, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), in that respondent has engaged in professional and occupational misconduct by failing to reply to the Board's communications requesting information concerning the complaint received from M.S., in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2.

DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on June 6, 2012. The Provisional Order reprimanded respondent, imposed a \$1,000.00 civil penalty for engaging in professional and occupational misconduct by failing to reply to the Board's communications requesting information concerning the

complaint received from M.S., in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2., and suspended respondent's license and business permit until such time as he responds fully to the Board's request for information pertaining to the complaint from M.S.

The Provisional Order was forwarded to respondent's last known address on file with the Board by certified and regular mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 P.M. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Finding of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should not be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefore.

Respondent provided the Board with a response to the Provisional Order in a letter dated July 9, 2012. In his response, respondent provided an explanation regarding the complaint filed by M.S. However, respondent failed to provide an explanation concerning his failure to respond to the Board's request for information sent on May 20, 2008 and October 3, 2008.

On September 5, 2012, the Board considered respondent's response to the Provisional Order. The Board finds that respondent has now provided a response to the complaint filed by M.S. and therefore no suspension of his license or business permit will issue. However, respondent failed to provide any explanation concerning his previous failure to respond to the Board's request for information concerning the complaint filed by M.S. The Board should not have to file a complaint in order to receive a response from a licensee concerning an investigation. Therefore, the Board finds that respondent has not

provided any evidence which would warrant a modification or dismissal of the findings of fact or conclusions of law pertaining to respondent engaging in professional and occupational misconduct by failing to reply to the Board's communications requesting information concerning the complaint received from M.S., in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 3 day of OCT, 2012

ORDERED that:

1. A public reprimand is hereby imposed upon respondent for his violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2.
2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2. The penalty shall be paid by money order or certified check made out to the State of New Jersey and delivered to the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, NJ 07101, simultaneous with the entry of this Final Order of Discipline in this matter. In the event respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed.
3. Nothing in this final order precludes the Board from taking disciplinary action against respondent's license based on the underlying complaint.

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Joseph P. Schooley
Board Chairman